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Physiological Parameters

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Response to Office Action

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2002, in connection with the captioned application, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants are also submitting, concurrently herewith, a petition to extend the period of response two months from May 13, 2002, up to and including July 13, 2002.

In the Specification

Please amend the paragraph on page 16, lines 8-24, as follows:

The physiological parameter studied using the method of the invention may be any physiochemical parameter capable of affecting the matrix or membrane material of the contrast agent, e.g. pressure, temperature, pH, oxygen tension, carbon dioxide tension, enzyme activity, metabolite concentration, tissue electrical activity, tissue water